



**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES
September 12, 2013- 6:00 p.m.**

Site visit

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ahmad called the Sept. 12, 2013 regular meeting of the Human Services Commission to order at 6:04 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Haris Ahmad, Joyce Bowling, Leslie Hamada, Fran McGregor-Hollums, Lesley Schlesinger and

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mia McFarland and John Woodcock

CITY STAFF PRESENT

Victoria Throm, Personnel & Human Services Analyst

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

CM MCGREGGOR-HOLLUMS MOVED AND CM BOWLING SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS WRITTEN, WHICH INCLUDES THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 8, 2013 AS WRITTEN. VOTE: 5-0. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item 1. Review Joint Commission Meeting in September.

Victoria asked for a count of which commissioners planned to attend the State of the City Address and dinner on Sept. 19th. Leslie, Fran, Haris, Mia, Lesley, and Joyce said they would attend. Victoria will confirm these with Scott Thomas Parks Director.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item 2. Mayor's Day of Concern for the Hungry Food Drive

Victoria asked for volunteers for the afternoon of Sept. 28th between 1:00-3:30 at the Covington Safeway store. Joyce and Fran both said they would volunteer.

COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

With no further business, the meeting adjourned in order to attend a site visit at the Maple Valley Food Bank. Lila Henderson Executive Director gave a complete tour of the facility which included the garden, office rental space downstairs, the community hall, and the food bank.

Recently they introduced a new style of picking up food for clients that is similar to shopping style at a grocery store. A client checks in and receives a color-coded card which indicates how many items from each category they may choose. The number of items relate to the number of people in the household. Clients take a shopping cart through the food bank store and pick which vegetables, fruits, breads, dairy, and meat products from the shelves. This is a new trend that results in less waste of foods that the family won't eat and it also provides an atmosphere which creates dignity to clients.

Submitted by:



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